

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph which begins on page 12, line 1 and ends on page 12, line 6, as follows:

-- [[The]] [[c]]Container **1100** also includes a plurality of locking members **1104** that are positioned about the periphery of [[the]] container **1100**. In one embodiment, [[the]] locking members **1104** are protuberances that extend substantially perpendicular from [[the]] wall **1101** of [[the]] container **1100**. Also as shown in Figure 11, [[the]] locking members **1104** may have a generally rectangular shape. As those skilled in the art will appreciate, locking members **1104** may have a plurality of different shapes. Container **1100** further includes a plurality of substantially elongated ridges **1107** (Figs. 11-12,14) integrally formed on the interior wall of the container body. Ridges **1107** facilitate the blending of the contents of [[the]] container **1100**.--

Please amend the paragraph which begins on page 13, line 3 and ends on page 13, line 9, as follows:

-- Figure 14 illustrates one exemplary embodiment of [[the]] container **1100** [[as]] being fixed to a ~~blender~~ base member **110**. ~~According to one embodiment, the~~ Specifically, container **1100** is inverted and threadedly coupled to ~~the blender~~ base member **110**. The coupled container (**1100**) may then be inserted into the recess well **300** of [[the]] blender base ~~of a blender~~ **100**. As shown in Figure 14, the base of [[the]] container **1100** is slightly tapered at **1400**. The taper of [[the]] container **1100** creates a dome-like structure that facilitates the blending of the contents of [[the]] container **1100**.--